Capt. Sir Edward Chichester, who ided the British squadron at Manila during the Spanish-American war, has been made an admiral.

The Tribuna announces that the members of the American colony in Rome have decided to present statues of Longfellow and Hawthorne to that

The American colony in Berlin turned out, on the night of the 14th. in large numbers, to attend a minstrel show given by 40 American mu sical students for the benefit of the

A census of the unemployed in Ber lin, taken on the 2d, indicates that so far as the count has proceeded there are 75,000 persons totally without employment and about partially unemployed.

Gen. Egbert Brown, who was in command of the Union troops at Brazos, Tex., in the last battle of the civil war, fought after peace had been declared, died, on the 11th, at Westplains, Mo., aged 85 years,

The navy department received a cablegram from Rear-Admiral Rodgers, at Cavite, on the 13th, announcing that Sergeant B. McSwiney, of the marine corps, was killed in action at Balangiga, Samar, on the 3d inst.

An agreement has been reached by which the likin, or provincial duties, now collected by the provisional government in China, will, on the dissolution of that outhority, revert to the control of the foreign customs.

Washington Gill, for many years engineer of Richmond, Va., and later superintendent of construction of the bridge across the Missouri river at St. Charles, Mo., died at his home in Kansas City, Mo., aged 83 years.

An increase of the salary of the minister to Persia from \$5,000 to \$7,000 has been recommended by the senate committee on foreign relations. The post is said to be one of the most expensive in the diplomatic service.

The Kingston (Jamaica) Daily Telegraph gives prominence to a report. circulating in official circles there. that an American syndicate is making tentative inquiry with the view of acquiring control of the Jamaica government railroad.

Gen. Maximo Gomez arrived at Santiago de Cuba, on the 10th, on his way to Santo Domingo. He was given a great demonstration. A large crowd had assembled, with bands of music. The municipal police and firemen also turned out to welcome him.

Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation army took the oath of allegiance as a citizen of the United States in New York city on the 13th. He said that he was already half American, as his ancestors were Virginians, and he had long since adopted this as his country.

Thirty-Two Japanese laborers, imported from Wyoming and California by the Victor Fuel Co., to work in the Chanler coal mine at Coal Creek Col. arrived there on the 11th. on strike as a protest against the action of the company.

Z. T. Briggs, cashier of the Nebraska State Bank of West Point, Neb., died on a Burlington train near Mc-Cook, on the 11th. Briggs was identified with state politics for years and was a man of considerable wealth. He was on his way to Boulder, Col., for the benefit of his health.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones has given formal notice that the new leases of the 480,000 acres of Kiowa Indian lands in Oklahoma. bordering on Texas, will take effect April 1, as originally proposed. An effort had been made to have date postponed some months.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark and Princess Victoria occupied box, on the night of the 14th, at the performance of "Arizona" at the Adelphi theater, London. King Edward expressed himself as greatly pleased with the performance.

The Berlin foreign office, on the 13th, pronounced incorrect the statement cabled thence that Germany is on the point of presenting an ultimatum to Venezuela. On the contrary, the outlook is improving, and a friendly settlement of the questions in dispute is most probable.

At a meeting of the Morconi wireless Telegraph Co., in London, on the 12th, it was announced that the directors of the company had insured the life of Mr. Marconi for £150,000. It was also reported that the Lloyds had exclusively adopted the Marconi system in connection with their sig-

At Detroit, on the 10th, Cashier Frank C. Andrews was placed under arrest on a warrant charging him with taking over a million dollars from the City savings bank without the authorization of the directors. He was arrested in the office of the Detroit Trust Co., arraigned and released on \$10,000 bail.

Judgment by default for \$20,000 against Prince Euiwha, the second son of the king of Corea, was entered by Chief Justice Bingham, in the circuit court for the District of Columbia, on the 14th. The plaintiffs are Wolff Bros. & Co., of New York city and Philadelphia, who sued on a promissory note made by the prince.

The industrial council of Vienna resolved, after a long debate, on the 12th, to postpone a decision on the reports of the various committees appointed to consider the best means of meeting American competition until European commercial politics erystalize sufficiently to indicate the most effective method for meeting that competition

# Tron County Register. TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE. FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the leth, consideration of the Philippine tariff bill occupied the entire session. Mr. Turner (Wash.) concluded his speech, begun on the 1th, on the legal phase of the question. Mr. Teller (Col.) obtained the floor, but almost immediately requested that he be allowed to continue his address on the lith....In the house general debate on the oleomargarine bill occupied the day and was intaily concluded, a large number of members speaking upon the measure.

In the senate, on the lith, a joint resolution was passed submitting a constitutional amendment changing the time of presidential inauguration and the termination and commencement of congress from the fourth of March to the last Thursday in April. The remainder of the day was taken up by a lively debate on the Philipmargarine bill being under consideration, pine tariff bill....In the house, the oleoseveral committee amendments were adopted changing the phraseology of the bill, and in committee of the whole, where no account of the vote is taken, two amendments, particularly obnoxious to the friends of the bill were passed.

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In the senate, on the 12th, with the exception of a sharp clash between Messrs.
Lodge and Patterson over the question of admitting representatives of the press to the investigation of the Philippine tarify bill in the senate, the day was very quiet, the investigation proceeding without notable incidents... In the house the oleomargarine bill was passed without division on the final passage, the real test of strength having been made on the motion to recommit, which was defeated by a majority of 3t. Two other bills, which had been before congress for 28 years, to refer certain claims for additional compensation by the builders of certain monitors during the civil war to the court of claims, were passed.

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In the senate, on the 13th, the discussion of the Philippine tariff bill was continued. Mr. Teller (Col.) concluding his speech, in which he made the remarkable statement that "he would prefer that this government should withdraw absolutely and without condition from the archipelago than that the present war should continue." Mr Mitchell (Ore.) spoke in support of his amendment to reduce the tariff duties upon Philippine products 50 per cent.... In the house two bills of general importance were passed, the remainder of the time being devoted to minor business. One is to compensate confederate soldiers for private property taken from them after surrender; the other confers on the Spanish claims commission authority to send for parers and persons and to punish for contempt.

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In the senate, on the 14th, a large num-ber of private bills were disposed of. The bill creating a permanent census bureau was under consideration for a time. The bject of clerical employment in the ate and the charges of extravagance wer referred to a committee for investigation and report. The death of Representattive of Pennsylvania, was announce Brosus, of Pennsylvania, was announced, and after the usual resolutions and eulogies, the senate, as a further mark of respect, adjourned... In the house 125 private pension bills were passed in 37 minutes. The monotony of a private bill day was entivened by a speech on alleged funkyism by Mr. Wheeler (Ky.) which called forth severe criticisms from leading members of the house.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. Hannah Ward, an eccentric old lady, died suddenly at Van Buren. Ark. Relatives who knew she had money about the place found \$4,560 tied in rags on topoof an old safe. She had her silverware lying under her bed covered with dust and as es

Dr. Leonel de Pean, a prominent Cuban physician, now in this country, says that when Estrada Palma, the newly-chosen president of Cuba, lands in the island there will immediately follow a revolution between the whites and the blacks,

A sensational pitched battle, with pistols, occurred at Richmond, Ky., on the 13th, as the result of which Leslie Estill and Shelton Chambers were mortally wounded. Jim Estill. a brother of Leslie, also participated in the battle, but managed to escape unhurt.

The Kansas state agricultural college is overwhelmed with demands from western Kansas for prairie dog poison. One western Kansas county ordered a hundred half-gallon cans All the miners employed there went capable of poisoning 1,000 to 1,200 dog families each.

Five thousand laborers on the docks at Sueste, Hungary, struck, on the 13th, in sympathy with the firemen employed by the Lloyd Austria company who were out. Several collisons with the police occurred and numerous arrests followed. Troops finally arrived there to maintain or-

The Italian government has approprinted £36,000 for the purchase of an Italian embassy at Washington. A dispatch from St. Petersburg, on the 13th, said: "Count Tolstoi improved to-day, but his condition is

still precarious." The first American blast furnace in Germany with an automatic charg

apparatus has been started in Si-

The city council of Des Moines, Ia., on the 13th, decided to close all churches and theaters and to prohibit all public gatherings until the smallpox epidemic shall have abated. Seven men were killed and at least fourteen were seriously injured, on the 14th, by a huge boulder, weighing 15 tons, crashing into the caboose of a work train on the Choc tow, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, 20 miles west of Little Rock, Ark.

Sir Archibald Milman, formerly clerk of the British house of commons, died in London on the 14th. He had been in the service of the house from 1857 until recently.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, issued on the 14th, showed: Available cash balance, \$174,498,734; gold, \$87,336,557.

On the 14th R. G. Dun & Co., of Nev York, reported: "Failures for the week numbered 240 in the United States, against 257 last year, and in Canada 33, against 40 last year."

A dispatch to a London news agen cy from St. Petersburg announces that the large town of Shamaka, Trans-Caucasus, has been destroyed by an earthquake. No details of the disaster have been received.

A Constantinople dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Co., London, on the 14th, said that Miss Stone's ransom had been paid and that her release was expected at any moment.

Mrs. Kate Voepel, a widow, was murdered in her apartments in Christopher street, New York, on the 14th. She was found dead by her young son. There were 18 knife thrusts in her body, and a disordered blood-marked room told of a desperate struggle before the woman gave

Marconi's laurels are in danger of being stolen. A society has just been ed in Paris for the commercial exploitation of wireless telegraphy The promoters say that it will be im possible for Marconi to patent his

Lleut.-Col. Benjamin F. Pope, chief surgeon of the division of the Philippines, United States army, died at Manila, on the 14th, of Bright's dis-

ease. He had been ill for two weeks. Phil Melloy, the gastronomic wonder, of Dubuque In., devoured seven dozen raw eggs inside of ten minutes, on a wager. The bet was that he was to swallow ten dozen eggs in 30 minutes, but someone, purposely, handed him a rotten egg, which

caused him to gag.
Sentimentatists who have kept the peacon light burning in Bartholdi's statue of Liberty, and Bedloe island, New York bay, have tired of the job, and as congress has made no provision for furnishing light it will be allowed to go out. Notice to mariners to that effect has been published. It now transpires that Maynard Shoemaker, alias Ed Smith, the Council Bluffs (Ia.) man who claimed to have witnessed the killing of Frank

the Nebraska penitentiary when the crime was committed. By a unanimous vote, the Agricultural, Horticultural and Irrigation ociety of Oklahoma and Indian tercitory decided to make a special display of fruits and vegetables at the

Richardson at Savannah, Mo., De-

ember 24, 1900, was doing time in

Louisiana Purchase exposition. Fred White and wife were discovred in an abandoned building in Evansville Ind. almost starved to dren. death. They said they had nothing to eat for several weeks. White is an old soldier, aged 65, and it is feared he will die as the result of his going so long without food.

#### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Virginia Suret, aged 50, of New York city, was burned to death, on the 16th, in the apartments in which she and her husband, Victor, ived. Her apron caught fire at the kitchen stove. Mr. Suret and Police Officer Blessing, the latter a boarder with the family, were severely burned in trying to extinguish the flames which enveloped Mrs. Suret. There is some doubt of Mrs. Suret's recov-

George Borchgrevink, the antarctic explorer, arrived in New York, on the steamer Etruria, on the 16th. In an interview he told how, in 1899, he and party of scientists had reached 78 degrees, 50 minutes, south latitude, about 80 miles from the South Pole, and the most extreme southern point that any man has ever reached.

Four lives were lost in a collision on the Iowa Central railroad one mile north of Gifford, Ia., on the 16th, a light engine, north-bound, crashing into a passenger train. A number of passengers were slightly injured.

Fire at Carl Junction, Mo., destroyed the opera house block, including three stocks of general merchandise. Loss, \$40,000. Mark Enos, a miner, was eaught by falling walls and fatally injured.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, on the 16th, said: "Count Tolstoi's temperature is at 100, while his pulse is 84. He is very weak, but is bearing up well. It is still hoped that he may recover."

The factory of the Hampden Corundum Wheel Co., at Springfield, Mass., was almost destroyed by fire, on the 17th, causing a loss of about \$50,000, mostly covered by insurance. Cornelius Roosevelt, the only sur-

iving son of the late S. Weir Roosevelt, and a cousin to President Roosevelt, died in New York city, on the 16th, of heart disease. About two-thirds of the business

portion of Woodbury, Cannon county, Tenn., burned, on the night of the 16th, the loss being estimated at from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

The critical illness of the earl of Kimberly was announced on the 16th. There was 16 inches of snow in North Carolina, on the 16th.

Gen. Weyler, the Spanish minister of war, will submit to the cortes a proposal to reduce the Spanish army by four army corps.

In the senate, on the 17th, several bills of importance were taken from the calendar and passed, among them me extending the charters of national banks. After an extended debate, the bill establishing a permanent census office was passed....In the house, after the adoption, by a strict party vote, of a special order for the consideration of the bill to repeal the war revenue taxes, the bill itself was, by unanimous consent, put upon its passage and received the entire vote of the house ayes, 278; nays, 0.

Gov. Stanley of Kansas received a letter from the mayor of Paterson, N. J., on the 17th, returning \$83,50 which the Kansas Indian Relief commission had sent to the Paterson fire sufferers. The letter thanked Gov. Stanley and the commission, but stated that Paterson was able to take care of its destitute without out-

side assistance. With only one negative vote the Minnesota senate, on the 17th. passed the bill appropriating \$25,006 to pay the expenses of the legal contest against the so-called merger of the Northern Pacific and Great North-

ern railways.

Unprecedented floods have curred in the southwestern portion of Cape Colony, resulting in great destruction of houses, bridges and railroad property. Twenty-five persons, also, were drowned.

There have been changes in the ministry at Seoul, Corea, as a result of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. New ministers of war and finance, of neutral politics, have been appoint

Asunion Esquivela obtained a jority of the votes of the electorial in the election for the presidency of Costa Rica held in San Jose on the 17th. The election passed off quietly. Mrs. E. A. Cook, of Shawnee, Okla a restaurant keeper, has authorized the announcement of the death of an uncle in Luzon, Phillippine islands,

leaving her an estate of \$1,000,000. Dev. Newman Hall, D. D., former chairman of the Congregational union of London, who had been ill for some time past, was pronounced, on

the 17th, to be sinking. King Leopold is confined to his apartments with throat trouble and his doctors have enjoined strict pre- died of his injuries cautions.

# MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths. Mrs. Henry Boettner, wife of Henry Boettner, of Perryville, from pneunia. She was 82

Louis McCullom, foreman of the Democrat-Leader office, Fayette, and well-known citizen of Fayette, aged

John W. Lionberger, a pioneer, at his home in Lacrosse of pneumonia He located in Jasper county in 1835 and was 75 years old.

Mrs. W. C. Brooks, one of the best nown women and oldest residents of Nevada. She was born at Columbus, Miss., in 1829, and since 1869 had been a resident of Nevada. She was highcultured and prominent in Nevada church and social circles.

William Elliott, one of the bestknown farmers in Pettis county, of appendicitis at his home, ten miles outh of Sedalia, aged 66,

J. K. Burgess, aged 80, a resident of St. Joseph for over 40 years, from pneumonia. He was a government contractor at an early day, and parried the mail between St. seph and Denver. He was also one of the best-known breeders of racing horses in the state.

Mrs. E. L. Cohoon, aged 60, at he home, six miles east of Mexico, of pneumonia. The deceased was a nember of the Presbyterian church, and leaves a husband and five chil-

wife of Rev. Frank W. Allen, a wellknown minister of the Christian church of California, of pneumonia. Col. John W. Polk, aged 72, cousin of former President James K. Polk, and doorkeeper of the house during Cleveland's first administration, in

Mrs. Floyd Prather Allen, aged 40,

### Kansas City.

Burgiars Got \$1,100. A daring burglary was committed other night, the burglars securing \$1,100 in cash. Dr. A. H. Hull, the owner of the money, had secreted it in among some boards in a closet partitioned from one corner of his bedroom. He resides in a suite of rooms adjoining his office. His family are out of town, and he was in the building alone. He retired at 9:30 o'clock and did not wake until 2 a. m. When he awoke he found every drawer in the furniture had been ransacked and the furniture turned topsy-turvy. Every room in the suite had been visited and searched while these were not seated far enough he slept, and they finally found the money in his own bedroom closet. The burglars had evidently chloro-

formed the doctor while he slept, Death of Joseph B. Upton.

After a year's decline with Bright's disease, Joseph B. Upton postmaster of Bolivar, passed away, a few days

ago, aged about 53. He was a lawyer with few equals in the state; a politician and orator of state reputation; served as a member of the state legislature from 1880 to 1852 and was a candidate for congress against Loby T. Moard

the state legislature from 1889 to 1882 and was a candidate for congress against John T. Heard.

He made the canvass for the nomination for governor on the republican ticket seven years ago. For several years he was managing editor of the Bolivar Free Press. He was a K. of P. and belonged to several other fraternal organizations in which he held \$5,000 life insurance.

Mr. Roton was well connected in very Mr. Upton was well connected in every way. He married the daughter of the late Lieut.-Gov. J. J. Grevely and reared a large family. He was a big-hearted man, iberal and generous to a fault.

# Arrested at Prison Gate.

Sheriff Joseph Hotz, of Edwards ville, Ill., arrested Edward Ennis at the penitentiary gate, in Jefferson City, just after he had completed a five-year term for horse stealing. Ennis will answer to the same charge county, Ill

Heavy Snow in Southern Missouri, Southern Missouri, south of a line about fifty miles south of St. Louis, was visited by a heavy snow on the

# 14th. In some localities it fell to the depth of 14 inches, and drifted badly.

Appointed by Gov. Dockery. Gov. Dockery has appointed Mr. John Smith, of Eldorado Springs, to be judge of the county court of the northern district of Cedar county to succeed Samuel T. Hurt, deceased.

One of Nevada's Prominent Men. W. P. McDaniel, one of Nevada's most prominent young men and a candidate for county clerk, subject to the action of the democratic par-

#### ty, died a few days ago. Boy Kills a Boy.

Willie Ledger, aged 16, was shot and killed by Fretwell Shock, aged 10, in St. Louis. It was the culmination of a feud that existed between two rival crowds.

# Stricken With Paralysis.

Pierce Hackett, a prominent farmer and ex-president of the Farmers' alliance, had a paralytic stroke while at Butler, and was picked up uncon-

# Death of Judge S. F. Hurt.

S. F. Hurt, judge of the Cedar county court, northern district, died at his home near Balm, of pneumonia. He was an ex-federal soldier.

New County Wanted. Since the burning of the courthouse at Linn Creek, there is talk of a movement to create a new county out of parts of Camden and Linn.

#### Killed by a Fall. James Harlin, of Mercer county, a

patient at Hospital for Insane No. 2 St Joseph, fell through a shaft, 22 feet, and was instantly killed. Shot His Brother.

#### Oscar Brown, of Carterville, Jasper county, mistook his brother, Edward.

Another Airship Man A San Francisco inventor writes that he will enter an airship in the World's fair tournament that has a

for a burglar, and shot him in the

head. The wound is serious.

speed of two miles a minute.

#### Because She Was Lectured. Gertie Burns, of St. Louis, 17 years old, lectured by an elder sister for remaining out at night, became of-

fended and attempted suicide. A Confederate Veteran. Paul Sweatman, an inmate of the confederate home at Higginsville, died suddenly of heart failure. He

ame from Randolph county. Fell On the ley Sidewalk. J. C. Perkins, of Puxico, fell on the icy sidewalk at Cape Girardeau, and

# A QUARTET OF ACCIDENTS.

Four Separate Railway Collisions Make a Sabbath Day's Quota Throughout the Country.

#### MANY PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED.

Two Occured in Illinois, One in New York and the Other in Iowa-In One of the Former a Passenger Train Was Rear-Ended By a Freight, the Passenger Lootive Being Disabled .

Litchfield, Ill., Feb. 17.-Two persons met death and five were injured, yesterday, in a rear-end collision be tween the "Diamond Special" on the Illinois Central road and a freight train at a point five miles north of Litchfield. The collision was remarkable in that the fast passenger was ahead of the freight, and that both train were moving. The dead:

E. S. Burns, fireman on freight locomotive.

Frank McIntyre, brakeman on

freight train. The injured were: C. W. Castles, conductor; left hip injured and two ribs fractured; also hurt about the chest. Jack Dean, 11 years old, son of assistant Superintendent Dean of the Pullman company; severe cut on left leg. Michael Donnelly, Chicago; cut about face and head. A. M. Dearorn, Chicago; one foot bruised. E. Eaton, Pullman porter, St. Louis; cut about head and injured internal-

The Diamond special was moving at a rate of 12 miles an hour when n the business part of Carthage, the the freight crashed into the rear sleeper. It is said the passenger would have been traveling faster had there not been some trouble with locomotive's mechanism. The the engineer on the freight engine declared that the fog was so thick that

he could not see 100 feet ahead. Two Pullman coaches were badly vrecked and the freight engine is almost a total loss, while several freight cars loaded with baled hay were ditched.

there were few in the rear car, and back to be enught.

No passengers were hurt, because

#### THREE PERSONS INJURED. Passenger and Extra Freight Come

Together at Texas Junction. Carbondale, Ill., Feb. 17 .- Three persons were seriously injured yesterday in a collision at Texas Junetion, six miles west of this city, on the Illinois Central railroad. Passenges train No. 26, Conductor Bryan. collided with an extra freight under Conductor Donahue. The passenger engineer, Robert Allen; Baggageman Charles Ashley and Mrs. J. S. Lewis, all of this city, were those injured. The trainmen on the passenger jumped, saving their lives.

The cause of the collision is supposed to have been the absence of a flagman from the freight, as the passenger was running on schedule time.

#### COLLIDED AT A CROSSING. Struck by Another and

Cut in Two. Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 17 .-- A train crossing from the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg tracks to No. Lincoln Park was struck and cut in two by the east-bound Continental limited, on the West Shore, vesterday. Both the engineer and fireman on the limited jumped before the collision. Engineer Nichol, of this city, escaped injury, but his fireman, E. Eitzel, of Buffalo, sustained a dislocated shoulder. Fireman Charles Twist, of Rochester, had an arm broken. These were the only persons injured. Three freight cars were reduced to kindling wood, and the engines of the limited and the freight

#### were completely wrecked. FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

# Many Also Injured in a Collision on

the lown Central. Marshalltown, In., Feb 17.-Four ves were lost in a collision on the lows Central railroad one mile morth of Gifford, yesterday, a light engine, north-bound, crashing into a passenget train. A number of passengers

were slightly injured. Engineer Frew of the light engine should have cleared the passenger train at Gifford, but for some reason failed to do so.

# Steamers in Collision.

Liverpool, Feb. 17.-The Fucness Allen Line steamer Dalton Hall, Capt Gordon, bound to St. Louis, N. F. and Halifax, N. S., from this port, was in collision at the month of the Mersey with the steamers Marpessa and Sutherland, both of this port. The Dalton Hall was cut down to her bilge on the starboard side and nad to be beached off Seaforth. The damage to the other steamers has not yet been ascertained.

Fatal Fight at a Dance Ocomulgee, I.T., Feb. 17 .- At a dance early yesterday morning Wiley Johnson, a Greek, and Bill Scott, an Ouchee, engaged in a fight and both were fatally stabbed. More than twenty other Indians and negroes who were mixed in the fight were more or less seriously hurt. Policeman Davis tried to quell the disturbance, but had to call other citizens to his aid. Bustor Terrill, one of his assistants, seized a club and floored red men right and left. A livery stable used as a temporary calaboose was filled with prisoners.

Married and Died in Two Weeks. Chicago, Feb. 17.-Edward McFarland, a leading resident of Hawaii, and proprietor of the Royal Hawaiian hotel, at Honolulu, died, early yesterday, at the Auditorium hotel from acute pneumonia. McFarland was married but two weeks ago to Miss Florence Ballinger, of San Francisco. The couple were en route to New York on their wedding tour, when McFarland contracted a severe cold which developed into -neumonia. The body will be taken to San Francisco for burial.

## DEVOURED BY CANNIBALS.

Twenty-Pive of a French Scientific Party Massacreed and Are Boasted and Esten.

Paris, Feb. 17.-La Patria publishes a letter received from its correspondent, M. Rouyer, a survivor of the massacre of a French scientific mission, by cannibals at Sileraka, New Guinea, January 1. M. Rouyer related that the yacht Salvatti, with the mission on board, had anchored off the coast of New Guinea, and that several of the explorers landed. After an apparently friendly reception from the natives the latter treacherously attacked them during the night, murdering 25 of the party, including Baron Villars, Count de Saint Romy and MM. Hagenbeck and Vries, and wounding 33, including the writer of the letter, M. Royer

the chief of the mission and another

Frenchman named Reimer.

M. Rouver writes: "We were all sleeping peacefully when there was a great uproar, and we were attacked by hundreds of natives carrying torches. Several of us were felled to the ground with clubs, hatchets and spears. Others were overpowered, carried away and bound to trees. I was among this number. I received a blow on the head from a club and fainted. When I recovered consciousness at five o'clock in the morning, I found myself tied hand and foot and surrounded by savages who, believing me to be dead, were keeping me for themselves. I saw the body of Baron Villars near me bound to a free. His body was naked, his head had been split open, his eyes had been gouged out and his groin was horribly mutilated. The Count de Saint Remy had been decapitated and his head stuck on the end of a spear as a trophy. M. Hagenbeck was spitted on a bamboo and was being roasted over a fire. The savages were about to cut him up. I waited my fate. I was afraid to move. My head hurt me dreadfully. All around me the ground was strewn with corpses. Suddenly a great clamor arose, followed by a fusilade. I opened my eyes and saw Dr. Foriter and the remainder of the mission from the yacht firing on the cannibals. I shouted and the rescuers ran to me and cut the bonds which bound me to the tree. The cannibals fied, leaving 32 dead. The clothes of M. Veyes were found but his body was missing. He had evidently been devoured by the

#### savages during the night." ONLY MEANT FOR A HOAX. But its Publication is Claimed to Have Injured the University of the South.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 16.-A story recently sent over the country to the effect that Chancellor Wiggins and some members of the faculty of the University of the South had left Sewance because of anonymous notes from supposed mountaineers warning them to leave on pain of death, has drawn from the university au thorities a statement in which they say the publication has done much injustice to the university and given an unfair and erroneous estimate of

the character of the people surrounding it. The statement continues: The native population of the Cumberland plateau and in the valleysand coves near the university are on terms of good feeling with the university, and the country people are its friends. The single anonymous letter picked up on the street

alarmed no one. "The newspaper in which the sensational article first appeared has in response to a request of the university, given the source of its in formation, and it appears that it came from persons who do not live in Sewance and who were simply perpetrating a hoax or a joke, not expeeting any publication to result."

#### THE BRODIE RELIEF FUND. Raised to Secure Justice for a Brav Soldier Who Claims He Was

Unfairly Convicted.

New York, Feb. 17.-Mayor Egbert Seymour of Bayonne was vesterday elected president of the Edwin H Brodie relief fund. Over one hun dred prominent residents of Bayonne were present at a meeting, and a committee was appointed to consult Congressman McDermott, of New Jer sey, as to the best means of obtain ing the release of Brodle, who is confined for life in the penitentiary

at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. Brodie, after serving through the war with Spain, enlisted in Troop C, Third United States cavalry, for service in the Philippines. He was mentioned for meritorious conduct in both Cuba and the Philippines. One night he and a man named Coffey, who is also serving a life sentence at Fort Leavenworth, were just outside the camp near Manila when a Filipino girl was shot and killed. They were accused of the crime and convicted. Brodie claims that his

trial was unfair. Farmers Threatened by Fire Bugs. Vincennes, Ind., Feb. 17.—At Wheatland, this county, there is a negro settlement. The negroes work for white farmers. All are quiet and inoffensive, but there is a prejudice against them. The following notice signed "Fire Bugs," was received yesterday, and they have produced sensation:

"Notice is hereby given that any

man who employs negro labor after

the first day of March, or harbors, leases or rents to any negro lands, their houses will be burned after the first day of April." Wessels and Wolmarans Coming. Paris, Feb. 17.-The Temps, in an

authorized note says that only Messrs. Wessels and Wolmarans, of the Boer delegates in Europe, have sailed for the United States, and that Mr. Fischer remains in Brussels. The note says that the journey of Wessels and Wolmarans has no diplomatic object; that it simply appeared nesessary that they enter into direct relations with the pro-Boer committees in the United States with a view

to mutual understanding and organ-

Tragic Culmination of a Fued Between "Gangs" of Respectable Boys at St. Louis.

### TEN-YEAR BOY BECOMES A MURDERER.

The Pistol-Carrying Habit Led to Fretwell Shock Resenting an Indignity by One of a Rival "Gang" With a Shot, Which Killed Willie Ledger, Aged Sixteen.

St. Louis, Feb. 16.-Willie Ledger, 16 years old, was shot and instantly killed at nine o'clock Friday night by Fretwell Shock, a ten-year-old lad in knickerbockers, near the corner of Bartmer and Goodfellow avenue, in the western part of the city. He admits that he killed Ledger, but says he aimed at one of Ledger's compan-

The killing was the culmination of a feud that has long existed between two factions composed of the boys of that section of the city. Ledger belonged to what is known as the "De Hodiamont gang" and Shock belonged to the "Cabanne gang." The boys of both factions are the sons of well-to-do and respectable parents. Floyd Shock, the father of the boy under arrest, is a director of George D. Barnard Co., and is now traveling

for the firm in Texas. Willie Ledger's father is dead. He made his home with his mother and his uncle, G. S. Servant. Mr. Servant is employed in the mechanical depart-

ment of one of the daily papers. Young Shock related the story of the shooting to the officers as calmly as though he were detailing his participation in a harmless snow-balling

"Yes, I shot Ledger," he said: "but I didn't intend to shoot him. I simed at that other fellow there," he said, indicating one of Ledger's companions, who was standing in the crowd some distance away. "He knocked me down and was going to do me up, and I didn't intend to get the worst of it. Those fellows were all bigger than me, and they've been beating us ev-

ery time they run into us. "That fellow had me down, and the gang of them would have beat me to

death if I hadn't shot. "I raised upon my knees and pulled the revolver and blazed away. I didn't mean to shoot Ledger, but the other fellow, who knocked me down. "I'm sorry if Ledger's dead, but I

#### couldn't help it. THE THREE SICK BOYS.

All Passed a Quiet Sabbath, Though Howard Potter Had a Spell of Restlessness.

Groton, Feb. 17 .- The three sick boys in the Groton school infirmary had a very quiet Sunday, and from a medical point of view a satisfactory one, although in the morning there was some uneasiness about Howard Potter. Dr. L. C. Shattuck, of Boston, was recalled by Dr. Warren for consultation in his case, and later it was stated that young Potter had not had a setback, but simply a spell of restlessness. Theodore Jr., and William Gammell, Jr., con-

tinued to show much improvement. Mrs. Roosevelt spent the greater part of the day at the infirmary with her son and did not leave for the Gardner house until late in the afternoon. Mrs. Alice Roosevelt went for a ride in the morning with Mr. Grafton D. Cushing, of Boston, who spent Sunday here. She lunched later at the home of Mr. John Lawrence, and afterward spent considerable time at the infirmary. Mrs. James Roosevelt, an aunt, arrived here Sat-

#### urday night. AIR INDUCED COMBUSTION.

#### Curious Loss of Bonds and Valuable Papers that Went Through the Paterson Fire Intact.

New York, Feb. 16.-Former Attorney General John W. Griggs saw many thousand dollars' worth of his bonds and valuable papers destroyed in Paterson, N. J., just as he had seen them taken, still intact, from the

ruins of the big fire. These papers were in his private safe in his office, where his splendid law library was burned. The safe was taken from the ruins and the door pried open. Suddenly the papers burst into flames and were reduced to ashes. It is supposed gas had generated inside the safe. Among the papers were eight unregistered bonds each of a face value of \$1,000. Gartner Stewart, having offices near those of Mr. Griggs, lost \$10,000 in the same manner. In an adjoining building were the offices of Katz Bros., brewers. In their safe were bonds valued at \$150,000. When the safe was opened its contents were found to be in ashes.

# Fire In Elevator Plant.

St. Louis, Feb. 16.-Fire partially destroyed the four-story occupied by the William A. Miller Co., manufacturers of elevators, 120 Pine street, Friday afternoon. The loss to building, stock and machinery will reach \$10,000; insured up to the 80 per cent. limit.

Distinguished Visitors at Charleston. Charleston, S. C., Feb. 17 .- The Japnese minister, Kogoro Takashira. and his wife arrived at Summerville yesterday from Washington, and will visit the exposition to-day.

#### Charles T. Yerkes' Illness. London, Feb. 16.-Charles T. Yerkes has been confined to his room, as the result of a chill, but he has trans-

acted business daily and is improv-

ing. Mr. Yerkes expects to be out

by Monday next. Suicided While Temporarily Insance New York, Feb. 16.-Mrs. Harriet Zabrieskie Lefferts, a member of one of the wealthiest families in Flatbush, Long Island, has committed suicide by shooting, while temporari-